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Tells of Success in
Moldavia

Berlin, by wireless, Jan. 8.—Russian troops made another attack yesterday. The official statement says that the Russians gained more ground on the Aa river but elsewhere were repulsed.

Russians and Rumanians were dislodged yesterday from strongly fortified positions over a considerable front in southern Moldavia, the war office announces. The important Rumanian town of Fokshani has been captured and nearly 4,000 prisoners taken.

ARE READY FOR ATTACK?

Greek Royal Army is Awaiting Orders
from Germany.

Paris, Jan. 8.—The Greek royal army is only awaiting orders from Germany to attack the allies, said M. Diomede, former Greek minister of finance, to the Temps yesterday. M. Diomede is now in Paris on a special mission for Ellintherios Venezelos, the ex-premier and head of the provisional Greek government.

"The Greek general staff," added M. Diomede, "was from the outset of the war constantly directed by Major von Falkenhause, the military attaché of the German legation, and it is his orders the royal army has been carrying out since he himself was expelled from the country. It was he who established the plan for the distribution of artillery munitions, so as to conceal them more easily from the allies. It was he who assured communications between Athens and Berlin and furnished the German general staff with information concerning the movements of General Sarraff's army, supplied to him by the Greek staff. It was he who organized the telephone line between Athens and Berate by which the king is still in daily communication with the German government. It was he who organized the plan for the mobilization of the reservists."

"No more than 4,000 troops thus far have been sent to Peloponnese, while the king has now in hand 40,000 men. With the reservists as organized by M. Falkenhause he can raise an army of 75,000."

CONFERENCE MEANS
FIRM RESOLUTION
AND UNITED ACTIONItalian Press Is Optimistic Over the En-
tente Conference Recently Held
in Rome.

Rome, via Paris, Jan. 8.—The Italian press is filled with cordial comments on the conclusion of the conference of allied leaders here. One point emphasized by all is that the conference "spells united action and firm resolution."

The conference was brought to a close yesterday afternoon, after a second meeting.

"COMPLETELY REPULSED."

German Attack on Two Posts on
Beaumont-Hamel.

London, Jan. 8.—The British official communication issued last night says that a German attack yesterday on two posts near Beaumont-Hamel, captured yesterday by the British, was completely repulsed. A successful raid Sunday afternoon south of Arras is reported. In an attempt to enter the trenches of Wytschate, the Germans were repulsed in disorder, and with considerable losses. Another enemy attempt early Sunday morning against French advanced posts north of Ypres was driven off.

ONLY PATROL ENGAGEMENTS

Were Fought on Western War Front, Re-
ports Paris.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Patrol engagements occurred last night in the regions of Bouchemmes on the Somme front and of Parroy forest in Lorraine. Otherwise there was little activity.

700 MILES IN MOTOR BOAT.

Five Men Had Unusual Experience When
Shipwrecked.

New York, Jan. 8.—A voyage of 700 miles in a motor boat from a spot in the Atlantic ocean where they had abandoned their sinking ship, to the coast of Morocco, was the unusual experience related by five of the crew of the American schooner Rob Roy, on their arrival from Havana yesterday aboard the steamship Mexico.

According to the sailors, the Rob Roy sailed from Alicante, Spain, for Havana, and on November 29 the vessel ran into a heavy gale. She sprang a leak, because waterlogged and for two days drifted in this condition. The vessel was abandoned on November 29 and the captain and crew took to a motor boat they had on board. They steered a course east, hoping to pick up a passing ship or sight land, they declared. After traveling 700 miles without sighting another craft they landed on the coast of Morocco, where they appealed to the American consul. The men were sent to the Canary Islands. There they boarded a Spanish steamer for Havana.

SAYS GERMANY
WANTS NOTHING
FROM NEUTRALSImperial Vice-Chancellor Declares That
Nothing but Strict Neutrality
Will Be Pleasing to His
Government.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 8.—James W. Gerard, speaking last night at a dinner given in his honor by the American Association of Commerce and Trade, said that the presence at the dinner of so many distinguished men, representing the political, business and financial life of both countries, seemed to guarantee the continuance of good relations between Germany and the United States.

Dr. Karl Helfferich, imperial vice-chancellor, declared that Germany desires nothing from the neutrals, neither assistance nor favors, except neutrality, favoring neither side and giving equal respect to both belligerent parties. He expressed the hope that peaceful merchant ships will soon again be plying from Germany to the United States across the now fettered, but future free ocean.

The guests included three ministers, at least two ex-ministers, the vice-president of the Reichstag, the heads of Germany's big financial institutions and other leaders of German public life. David Wolf, president of the American association, who presided, was flanked on the right by Reinhold Sydow, Prussian minister of commerce. Next to Mr. Gerard sat Dr. Karl Helfferich, the imperial vice-chancellor, and then came Arthur von Gwinner, director of the Deutsche bank; Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, ex-secretary for the colonies, and Dr. Hermann Pansche, vice-president of the Reichstag; while beyond Minister Sydow were Joseph C. Greer, secretary of the American embassy; Dr. W. S. Wolf, secretary for the colonies; John B. Jackson, former American minister to the Balkan states, and Adolf Wertheim, lord mayor of Berlin. In all 175 guests, about equally divided between Americans and Germans, were present.

The usual toasts to Emperor William and President Wilson were drunk standing. President Wolf introduced the speaker of the evening, who was Vice-Chancellor Helfferich, Director von Gwinner and Mr. Gerard.

The ambassador's speech was informal and avoided touching contentious topics. Director von Gwinner, too, did not speak from manuscript, but Dr. Helfferich, speaking as the representative of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, delivered a set address which was followed with the closest attention by the guests.

Vice-Chancellor Helfferich said he was pleased to know that Ambassador Gerard had visited the United States, "where he had an opportunity of describing the real state of affairs in Germany," and Foreign Minister Zimmermann declared he "felt sure the friendly and trustful relations between both countries as enunciated by Mr. Gerard will continue," says the Overseas news agency.

A telegram expressing the "sincerest wishes" of the association "in this crucial time" was sent to President Wilson and another message was forwarded to Emperor William.

Dr. Helfferich in his speech as quoted by the news agency directed attention to the increase in commerce between Germany and the United States, saying that in the 10 years from 1903 to 1913 it had increased by more than 1,000,000,000 marks. The Overseas news agency continues:

"Arthur von Gwinner, director of the Deutsche bank, who spoke next, compared Ambassador Gerard with the peace dove of Noah's ark, on the return of which Noah realized that he had sent it out too early, but nevertheless he had seen the colors of the rainbow."

"Ambassador Gerard in his speech told of the sympathy in the United States for German charity work. Many prominent people had handed him checks for the German Red Cross. On his return to Germany, he said, he had delivered to the different German relief funds about 400,000 marks." Continuing Mr. Gerard said:

"Never since the beginning of the war have the relations between Germany and the United States been as cordial as now. I have brought back an olive branch from the president, or don't you consider the president's message an olive branch?"

"I personally am convinced that as long as Germany's fate is directed by such men as my friend, the chancellor, and Dr. Helfferich, and by the admirals, Mr. von Capelle (minister of the navy), Holtzendorff (head of the naval general staff), and von Mueller (naval advisor of the emperor), by Generals von Hindenburg (chief of the general staff), and Ludendorff (first quartermaster general), and last, but not least, by my friend, Zimmermann, the relations between the two countries are running no risk."

BRUSH ON THE BORDER

In Which New Hampshire Troops Were
Said to Be Engaged.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 7.—Four alleged Mexican filibusters were either killed or badly wounded in an encounter Saturday night with troops of the First New Hampshire infantry at Zapata, Texas, according to apparently reliable reports reaching Laredo last night.

Military headquarters here, however, deny having received any information regarding the reported fight.

The New Hampshire troops under command of Major Orville E. Caine, doing patrol duty in the vicinity of Zapata, according to the report, came on an indefinite number of filibusters, crossing the Rio Grande at Zapata. A clash followed, at least four of the Mexicans being wounded or killed, while crossing the river. No mention is made of American casualties.

The same report says that Mexican revolutionists have captured Raminde and Parral, two small villages about 10 miles below the border from Zapata.

ONE BOY DROWNED
And Girl Is Believed to Have Lost Life in
Muddy River.

Boston, Jan. 8.—One boy was drowned, a girl is believed to have lost her life, and three persons were rescued in a series of thin ice accidents which occurred within a few hundred yards of each other in the Muddy river in the Back Bay district yesterday. The drowned boy is believed to be Joseph Finn, 15.

LAWSON HINTS
AT WHITEWASH
OVER "LEAK"Tells House Committee He
Knows Who Was Respon-
sible for News of Wilson's
Peace Note Becoming
Public, but Expresses Be-
lief That Committee Does
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In substantiation of his statement, Secretary Tumulty presented a brief statement by which he said was authorized by the president, in which Mr. Wilson declared that Tumulty had told a fact, that he had no knowledge of the note.

Secretary of State Lansing described in details the routine carried out in the preparation of the note for transmission to the belligerents and gave the names of the men who had the handling of it during the encephering. Regarding his interview with newspapermen, at which it was announced that a note had been sent, Lansing said: "At about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning I received the newspaper correspondents and told them I would have an important communication at 5 o'clock for release the next morning. I told them in confidence, as I was afraid its contents might come back from Europe in garbled form. I further thought it courteous not to make it public until it was received by the countries to which it was addressed. I told them it did not contain any proposal of peace nor offer of mediation."

Secretary Lansing said that on the morning of the conference three men were present, waiting to see him; but he did not know they were in the room until after he had talked to the newspapermen. Two of these men were naval officers about to proceed to Haiti. The third was A. E. Snowden of New York. He declared it very improbable that they would have said anything about the statement.

Questioned further about the conference with newspapermen, Secretary Lansing said his statements regarding the note were entirely negative.

Lawson, pacing up and down before the committee, declared that all he had said in the public press regarding the leak he believed to be true. "I repeat it all now," he declared; "it is one of the commonest things in Wall street to advance information from Washington about government affairs of such importance that they frequently affect the country's securities. From that deliberately worked out the robbery of the American people through the United States gamblers."

Lawson said he knew who was responsible for the leak and reiterated that he was convinced the committee did not want an investigation.

COASTED ON FORBIDDEN STREET.

Four Children in One St. Johnsbury Fam-
ily Figured in Accident.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 8.—The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Modeste Lachase of Maple street were in a coasting accident yesterday, two of them being seriously injured. The youngsters were sliding on Maple street hill and their traverse was going at a terrific rate when it collided with the automobile of Jack Bertrand at the corner of Railroad street. The two most seriously injured were taken to the Brightside hospital for X-ray examination and the other two were removed to their home.

Bonnie, a 13-year-old girl, suffered a badly fractured elbow and was otherwise hurt and Germaine, nine, was also badly hurt, although the extent of her injuries has not been determined.

The children have persisted in using the business street for coasting and only Saturday the Lachase children were warned by a police officer against sliding on Maple street.

CUSTOMS ON GAIN.

Both Over Preceding Month and Corre-
sponding Month Year Ago.

St. Albans, Jan. 8.—There was a considerable increase in the amount of imports in December over the preceding month in the Vermont customs district and also a slight gain in exports. There was a gain of nearly a million dollars in the imports of the same month a year ago and nearly three millions in exports. The imports in December were \$2,209,908 and for the corresponding month last year, \$2,454,208.

HAVE WORKED HARD
NAMING COMMITTEESSpeaker Wilson and Lieut.-Gov. Hulburd
Expect to Make Announcements
in the Legislature This
Afternoon.

Speaker Stanley C. Wilson and Lieut.-Gov. Roger W. Hulburd have worked hard during the recess of the legislature and expect tonight to make known the make-up of the standing committees in their respective houses. As soon as the committees are announced the legislature will be ready to consider the first batch of bills and the revisers have over a score ready for introduction in the House and Senate, which will probably be presented to-night or to-morrow forenoon.

To-night at 7:30 o'clock, when the House convenes, discussion of the report of the rules committee will commence and it is possible that considerable debate will be enjoyed before the rules of the session are decided upon.

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

Were Discussed by Ministers and Legis-
lative Committee Was Named.

Eleven clergymen were present this forenoon for the regular monthly meeting of the Ministers' Monday club, which was held in the Hedding Methodist church. Rev. Edgar Crossland presided and Rev. Frank Blomfield of Berlin acted as clerk. Regrets conveyed by letter were received from Rev. L. C. Carson and Rev. Ivan H. Benedict of Montpelier, who were unable to be present. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. Dr. F. Piani. The first paper had for its subject, "Fixed Factors in How Modified by Grace." Rev. L. O. Sherburne was the author and its contents were forcibly brought out by him. A timely paper by Rev. J. B. Reardon was entitled "The Minister and the Legislature." The remainder of the forenoon session was devoted to an open forum discussion in which the two papers were carefully analyzed. Just before adjournment the following legislative committee was elected: Rev. William Shaw, Rev. S. F. Blomfield, Rev. L. O. Sherburne, Rev. J. B. Reardon and Rev. E. G. Lipsky. The following clergymen were present to respond at the reading of the roll call: Rev. Verne Smith of Waterbury, Rev. Frank Blomfield of Berlin, the secretary, Rev. L. O. Sherburne, Rev. E. C. Kinney of Montpelier and Rev. E. Crossland, the president, Rev. B. G. Lipsky, Rev. J. B. Reardon, Rev. F. Piani and Rev. J. W. Barnard of Barre.

BOY FRIENDS BEARERS

At Funeral of Franklin W. Carpenter,
Victim of Shooting.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 8.—The vestry of South church was filled Sunday after-noon with a large crowd of friends and relatives, who had gathered there for the last services over the body of Franklin W. Carpenter, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Carpenter, who accidentally shot himself Friday with a borrowed rifle. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Paul Dwight Moody, pastor of the South church, who was assisted by Rev. Mr. Richards of the North church.

Those who came to mourn were both old and young, with a large number of boy scouts, schoolmates and members of the Sunday school class of the deceased. There was a profusion of floral tributes, including bouquets of cut flowers and many set pieces.

The bearers were six of the young friends of the deceased and were as follows: Norman Bailey, Colin McDonald, Melvin Lynch, Robert May, Edwin Woods and Sherburne Potts. From the church, the funeral proceeded to Mt. Pleasant cemetery, where the remains were placed in the tomb.

HANGED HIMSELF IN SHED.

Henry F. Bowtell of Bellows Falls Was
Dependent Over Ill Health.

Bellows Falls, Jan. 8.—Within three days of observing his 73d anniversary of his birth, Henry F. Bowtell, yesterday committed suicide by hanging. His body was found suspended by a rope in a shed by Mrs. Bowtell upon her return from church yesterday morning. Dependence, the result of ill health, is believed to have caused the deed. Mr. Bowtell was born Jan. 10, 1845, and always lived in Bellows Falls. For years he was employed as the local agent by the Boston & Maine railroad. He had been unable to work for the past few months. He was a member of Immanuel Episcopal church, King Solomon temple, lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Holy Cross commandery, K. A. T.

MARRYING JUSTICE DEAD.

Dr. Ozias M. George of Bellows Falls Of-
ficiated 300 Times Last Year.

Bellows Falls, Jan. 8.—Dr. Ozias M. George, a prominent citizen of this town and a member of the legislature of 1898-99, died last night of pneumonia, aged 75. He had lived in Bellows Falls since September 30, 1865, and practiced dentistry up to within a few years ago. He was elected bailiff in 1870 and had served in that capacity or as a trustee to with in a comparatively short time. He was first selectman of the town of Rockingham in 1896-97. He had been a lister ten years and a justice 30 years. During the last year he gained prominence through the fact of his having married more than 300 couples who came from outside the state for that purpose.

LIQUOR STORE ROBBED.

Revolver, Several Bottles of Whiskey
and \$1 in Change Taken.

Burlington, Jan. 8.—The second-class liquor store of J. Henry Lavigne at 67 Main street was broken into Saturday night, and a 32-caliber Colt revolver, several bottles of whiskey and about one dollar in change was stolen. The burglar gained entrance by cutting the wire netting and breaking the glass in a back window.

A PROMINENT MERCHANT.

Ralph H. White of R. H. White Co. of
Boston Died of Heart Disease.

Boston, Jan. 8.—Ralph H. White, proprietor of the R. H. White company, one of the largest department stores in this city, died at his home here yesterday of heart disease. He was born in Hinsdale, Jan. 11, 1841.

DEATH SEALS
LIPS OF MANBut Woman in Mysterious
Shooting at Brookline,
Mass., Is RecoveringJAMES J. RILEY LEFT
NO STATEMENTMiss Mildred Melzian Is Still
at the Hospital with
Gun Wounds

Brookline, Mass., Jan. 8.—James J. Riley, who was shot while riding in a taxicab with Miss Mildred Melzian the night of Jan. 4, died today without making any statement regarding the shooting. Miss Melzian is still at the hospital and is said to be recovering.

CARVED HIS COUNTRYMAN.

Jacob Jacobson Used a Beer Glass on
John Heokela.

For cutting and otherwise disfiguring the face of a countryman with a beer glass, Jacob Jacobson paid a fine of \$20 and costs aggregating \$82.25 when arraigned before Magistrate H. W. Scott on a breach of peace charge in city court this forenoon. Jacobson executed fancy figures with the broken beer glass in a saloon on North Main street Saturday evening, but it was not until last night that Deputy Chief Harry Gamble and Officer John W. Dineen, armed with a warrant issued at the request of Grand Juror William Wishart, went to the farm of Matt. Matson and took the man in custody. According to the police, he had been in hiding since the fracas.

John Heokela, with his face cut into ribbon dimensions, shed some blood in front of the G. Tomasi block before he went to the office of Dr. J. A. Wark to have the wounds dressed. According to witnesses in the saloon, the trouble between Jacobson and Heokela began at a familiar starting point, in an argument, and approached its climax when Jacobson struck his compatriot in the cheek with the beer glass. The tumbler broke, but Jacobson continued to use it as the most effective weapon immediately in sight.

Chief Sinclair and Deputy Chief Gamble were called to the saloon, but Heokela was on his way to the doctor's and Jacobson had fled. An all day search, in the course of which Jacobson's house on Foster street was closely watched, ended in the trip to the Matson farm last night.

A FARMERS' MEETING.

Will Be Held at Montpelier City Hall
Thursday Evening.

A farmers' meeting will be held in the memorial room in the city hall building in Montpelier at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, Jan. 11. The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint the farmers living in and around Montpelier with the work of the Washington County Farm Bureau association. The board of trade of Montpelier and the merchants of the city are particularly invited to attend this meeting. The county agent will be present and show by illustrations the work accomplished by the association during the past year and its aims for the coming year. It is expected that a representative of the extension service of Vermont will also be present.

HAD BARRE ADDRESS.

Paper on Body of Man Found on Rail-
road Track at Syracuse, Kan.

Spanish residents of Barre and Montpelier are inclined to think that a man killed at Syracuse, Kansas, was Constantine Gomez, a stonecutter, who left a month ago to visit his brother who lives in Arizona. Letters received from C. F. Harrison of the Kansas town stated that the body was found on the railroad track and that in the suit case was a pair of shoes purchased of Charles H. Shipman of Montpelier and also a calendar from the same store, while there was also a slip containing the address, 415 North Main street, Barre. Syracuse people said that the man told on the day previous to his death, that he had been robbed of his ticket and money. Just before leaving Montpelier, the man had been boarding with James Gomez at 236 Barre street, Montpelier.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. George Geake has returned to the
city after spending several weeks with
relatives in Boston and vicinity.

M. E. Wood, who has been visiting friends on Maple avenue during the past few days, returned to his home in Randolph today.

Cyril Marriam, who has been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Marriam of Franklin street, Worcester, Mass., to resume his studies at Holy Cross.

Mrs. Michael McDonald and two children of South Main street, who have been visiting relatives in Cambridge, Mass., for a month, returned to the city Saturday, accompanied by Mr. McDonald, who has been absent for a few days on a business trip to Boston.

The funeral of Andrea Baruzzi, a granite cutter, whose sudden death occurred Thursday afternoon, was held at his home in G. Tomasi place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Many acquaintances of the deceased gathered to accompany the body to the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street, where the interment was made. Floral tributes came from co-workers of the man and other friends.

The bearers were: P. Garelli, M. Tedeschi and Messrs. Palicio, Lancillotti, Olamini and Heppi. Mr. Baruzzi's wife and daughters, who are absent on a visit in Italy, have been notified of his demise by cable.

MUCH WORK ACCOMPLISHED

By Hospital Aid Association During the
Past Year.

The annual meeting of the Hospital Aid association was held at the hospital Friday afternoon. Reports of the year's work were given and officers elected for the coming year.

The association is in good standing and has a membership of 476. Household supplies have been purchased and made as follows: Sheets, night-gowns, night-shirts, slippers, bath robes, table linen and crib curtains. Flower day in September and bag day in October were very successful and brought in a good sum. Through The Times, the association wishes to thank all those who contributed so generously to bag day, thereby helping to make it a success.

Officers elected for 1917 were as follows: President, Mrs. H. J. Clayton; vice-president, Mrs. Frank Robinson; secretary, Miss Ena Adie; treasurer, Miss Alice Farnham; auditor, Mrs. E. J. Batchelder.

Miss Farnham's report as treasurer for 1916 is as follows:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1916	\$377.81
Dues	135.75
Cook books	186.50
Advertising in cook books	114.82
Interest	9.05
Flower day	53.50
Bag day	217.37
Vegetables sold	3.50
	\$1,098.30

Expenditures.

Cook books	\$287.00
Maternity ward	150.00
Expenses to Northfield	1.30
Printing	.75
Window boxes	6.00
Flower pots	3.25
Cotton cloth	33.44
Bag day	217.37
Bags	12.63
Bag slips	3.10
Crash and cotton	16.67
Glasses and plates	9.60
	\$741.11 \$741.11

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1917..... \$357.19

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Of Universalist Sunday School and
Church Named.

The Universalist church at its annual meeting elected the following officers for the Sunday school and appointed the following standing committees for the ensuing year: Superintendent of Sunday school, Homer C. Ladd; assistant superintendent, Mrs. P. M. Carr; secretary, Mrs. Carrie E. Brooks; assistant secretary, Miss Marjorie Love; treasurer, Mrs. Maud W. Paine; assistant treasurer, Miss Ethel McFarland; pianist, Miss Rachel Hollister; assistant pianist, Miss Rachel Cutler; church members, Francis Wells, Foryce Jackson, Roger Eastman, Ralph Tobin, Harvey Averill, Charles C. Kenyon.

Standing Committees.

Committee on sick, Mrs. George E. McFarland, Mrs. H. A. Gould, Mrs. George Richardson, Miss Kate West, C. N. Kenyon; committee on benevolence, Mrs. P. C. Eaton, Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, Mrs. E. M. Tobin, Mrs. M. A. Love, Mrs. A. S. Martin, Mrs. A. E. Campbell; committee on visitation, Mrs. H. W. Whitcomb, Mrs. H. C. Ladd, Mrs. J. G. McLeod, Mrs. C. A. Gladding, Miss Blanche Tilden; committee on hospitality, F. W. Jackson, Mrs. F. W. Jackson, Mrs. G. A. Lane, Mrs. F. E. Burr, Mrs. J. C. Dodge; committee on church membership, O. J. Moring, Mrs. O. K. Hollister, A. B. Lane, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson; committee on Sunday school and missions, G. L. Bates, Mrs. C. E. Brooks, Mrs. P. M. Carr, Mrs. Mabel Cole, Mrs. J. B. Reardon.

COUNTY MILK PRODUCERS.

Organized By Electing G. M. Jones of
Waitsfield as President.

The county committee, consisting of Mr. Moody of Waterbury, Mr. Jones of Waitsfield, Mr. Corliss of Berlin and Mr. Gould of Cabot, elected by the farmers of Washington county at the meeting held at Montpelier in the interest of the N. E. M. P. A., to serve them in the interest of organizing the milk producers of the county, met at Montpelier Saturday to consider plans for the same and to elect officers for the county organization. G. M. Jones was elected president, and Mr. Corliss was elected secretary-treasurer.

An outline of recommendations was drawn up to be presented at a meeting of all the county committees in the state at Burlington next Tuesday night, at which time the policy of the milk producers of the state will be fixed and a delegate authorized to represent their interests at the N. E. M. P. A. meeting at Boston to be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Quincy house. It is probable that Frank Clark of Williston will be one of the men to represent Vermont at this meeting and it is hoped that many more Vermont farmers will be interested enough to attend the meeting.

JOHN GILMAN EASTMAN.

Died Saturday Afternoon at the Home of
His Son in Washington.

John Gilman Eastman died Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the home of his son, Eugene Eastman, in Washington, after being confined to the bed about three weeks with a general breaking down, following two shocks. The last of which he had about two years ago.

Mr. Eastman, who had reached the age of 78 years, seven months and 25 days, was born in Corinth and had spent his entire life in that place, Orange and Washington, residing in the latter place the past 18 years, the last five years being spent at the home of his son, Eugene. He was a farmer by occupation. Five years ago last May his wife died, to whom he had been married for 31 years. He left nine sons: Will, Bert, Frank and Eugene of Washington; Fred and Everett of Orange; Arthur and Mark of Waterbury; Ora of Alfred, Me.

A prayer service will be held at the home of Eugene Eastman in Washington Tuesday at 10 a. m., followed by a service at the Baptist church at that place at 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Bishop officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in the Washington cemetery.

GIRL WAS SHOT
IN THE BACKMiss Bertha Kathan Victim
of Her Brother's Care-
lessnessLATTER WAS CLEANING
22-CALIBRE WEAPONAccident Happened at
Home in Putney—
Is in Hospital

Brattleboro, Jan. 8.—Miss Bertha Kathan, aged 19, of Putney, a stenographer in the office of the Holstein-Friesian association here, was brought to the Memorial hospital this morning with a bullet wound in the back. The physicians have not yet determined how serious the wound is.

Miss Kathan went home to stay over Sunday, and while the family was in the kitchen, a younger brother, Dexter, started to clean a 22-calibre revolver, not knowing that the weapon was loaded. The accident followed. The victim is the daughter of Warner Kathan, a farmer.

WAS WELL KNOWN BUILDER.

Clinton L. Bugbee Died Sunday After
Three Weeks' Illness.

Clinton L. Bugbee, a well known building contractor of Barre, died at his home, 98 Washington street, Sunday morning at 4:45 o'clock. The end came after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Bugbee is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Smith of Boston and Miss Evelyn M. Bugbee of Barre, and two sons, Roy C. Bugbee, a clerk at the Barre postoffice, and Maurice C. Bugbee. He was born in Orange Dec. 25, 1861, the son of William P. Bugbee. In his youth he attended the schools of his native town and afterward learned the trade of carpenter and joiner of his father. He came to Barre 32 years ago and engaged at his trade with W. F. Bradford